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Serial No.: 10/676,691 Examiner: J.L. Grun  
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NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER'S DECISION TO  
THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner mailed November 28, 2006 finally rejecting pending claims 1, 2, 4-17, 19 and 20 in the above-identified application.

Applicants are concurrently filing a Petition for a Second and Third-Month Extension of Time. With a second and third-month extension of time, a response to the November 28, 2006 Final Office Action is now due May 28, 2007. However, since May 28, 2007 falls on a Federal Holiday, a response filed on the next succeeding day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or Federal Holiday, i.e. Tuesday, May 29, 2007, is considered timely under 37 C.F.R. §1.7. Accordingly, this Notice of Appeal is being timely filed.

The required fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(b) for filing a Notice of Appeal for a small entity is TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY

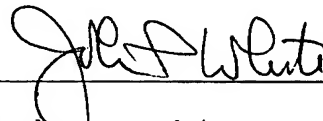
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DOLLARS (\$250.00), and a check in this amount is enclosed.  
Applicants have previously established small entity status.

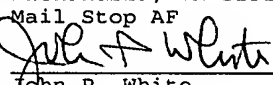
If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.

No fee, other than the enclosed \$250.00 fee, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Notice of Appeal. However, if an additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

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